pro rate basis for rich and poor alike, unless special circumstances call for a cut to be made. Customary religious expenditure and payments in kind are honoured. Allowances are made for seed and *valli*. The amounts allowed for domestic use to the parties mentioned in the question are on the basis of the principles laid down above. No preferential treatment was shown.

It will not be consistent with public interest to publish the exact quantities allowed to individual land-owners in requisitioning paddy from them. The Hon'ble Member may however note that allowance is made after scrutinising the 1115 and 1116 accounts relating to the expenditure of each and with due regard to the requirements of each.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know, whether all these Swaroopams are actual cultivators of paddy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to enquire that?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, whether the customary payments in kind are honoured in the giving of paddy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In the case of certain old families payments to the barber and washerman are made in kind and in a few cases such customary payments are allowed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Are ration cards issued to such washermen and barbers?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No. In such cases the ration cards will be suspended or cancelled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, whether allowances are made for the purchase of "Koorka" seen in the accounts of these families, for 50 paras of Koorka 100 paras of paddy?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the amount of paddy allowed to each of the persons referred to?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That I have already answered, that it will not be proper to publish the amount. It will reveal in several cases, the exact wealth of individual concerned and we do not think it proper.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: What is the quantity allowed for offering in temples per day according to the customary religious usage?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It will depend upon the practice and custom prevailing.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is not an estimate of paddy yield taken?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

QUANTITY OF PADDY OBTAINED BY GOVERNMENT FROM TALAPPALLY TALUK

164. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the total quantity of paddy receivable by land-holders in the Talappally Taluk per year either by self cultivation or as rent or michavaram from tenants;

(*b*) what is the total collection by Government in the Taluk in 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: (*a*) About 37,42,700 paras of paddy under normal conditions.

(*b*) 16,40,806—8—12paras.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The demand expected is 37,42,700 paras of paddy and the actual collection of 1119 is only 16,40,806 paras, *i.e.*, 4 lakhs deficit from 50 per cent. What was the reason?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There was failure of crops perhaps.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Or is it not the inactivity of the collection staff?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Certainly not. We are trying our best.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Or the preferential treatment shown to certain land-holders?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Generally not. I cannot say whether in individual cases there have been no lapses. If such instances are brought to our notice we will take action.

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